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ATTN: MR. BARDOS FOR WALTER ROBERTS, BIB

FOLLOWING REPEAT LISBON 6064 ACTION SECSTATE INFO MUNICH, USIA,
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QUOTE: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LISBON 6064

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SUBJECT: RFE NEGOTIATIONS

REF: LISBON 5501 AND PREVIOUS

1. GOP NEGOTIATOR, MAJOR JOSE FIGUEIREDO, PRESIDENT OF RADIO
DIFUSAO PORTUGUESE (STATE RADIO--RDP), SEPTEMBER 3 INFORMED
RARET MANAGER COSTA PEREIRA OF FOLLOWING:
--CABINET MEETING YESTERDAY WAS TO HAVE VENTED RFE AND DEUTSCHE
WELLE CONTRACTS. DID NOT DO SO, HOWEVER, DUE TO PRESS OF URGENT
BUSINESS (LABOR AND GENERAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS).
--HE, FIGUEIREDO WAS NOT DISTURBED BY THIS INACTION YESTERDAY.
SAID HE STILL VIEWS CONTRACT RENEWAL POSITIVELY. NOTED, HOWEVER,
THAT QUESTION OF DUTY-FREE IMPORTATION WILL REQUIRE CAREFUL
HANDLING SINCE GOP FINANCE MINISTRY CAN BE EXPECTED TO RAISE
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SOME OBJECTIONS. FIGUEIREDO, HOWEVER, INDICATED HE WAS OPEN-

MINDED ON THE MATTER.

--PORTUGUESE NEGOTIATING TEAM ON RFE CONTRACT RENEWAL WILL BE TRI-PARTITE: RDP--FIGUEIREDO, TEAM LEADER; REPRESENTATIVE FROM COMMUNICATIONS SECRETARIAT IN PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (I.E. MANUEL ALEGRE'S STAFF); AND REPRESENTATIVE OF "SERVICOS RADIO ELECTRICOS" FROM NATIONAL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY. --FIGUEIREDO IS DEPARTING ON VACATION. EXPECTS TO RETURN O/A OCTOBER 4, AT WHICH TIME HE WILL RESUME CONTACT.

2. COMMENT: RDP'S DILATORY APPROACH COMES AS NO SURPRISE, AND CORRESPONDS TO NORMAL PORTUGUESE NEGOTIATING PATTERN. ADDITIONALLY, GOVERNMENT IS IN FACT BURDENED WITH TIME-CONSUMING LABOR AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.

3. TOMAS ROSA'S POSITION MAY ALSO HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THIS. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, HE HAS JUST BEEN FORMALLY APPOINTED TO HEAD UP PORTUGUESE STATE TELEVISION NETWORK (RTP). AS HEAD OF RTP, HE MAY RETAIN HIS POSITION AS GOP'S OFFICIAL DELEGATE ("DELEGADO") TO RARET. WE INTEND TO BE IN TOUCH WITH ROSA SOONEST TO GET HIS READING NOW THAT HE IS BACK IN THE GOVERNMENT. CARLUCCI
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